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BOARD OF EMS MEETING
SEPTEMBER 1, 2004
9:30 AM
MAINE EMS CONFERENCE ROOM

MINUTES

Board Members: Steve Leach (chair-elect), John Alexander, Bob Ashby, Oden Cassidy, Peter DiPientranantonio, Richard Doughty, Sue Dupler, James Farrell, Kevin Kendall, Paul Knowlton, Penelope Kneeland, Jim McKenney, Wayne Werts, Steve Diaz (ex-officio)

Regional Coordinators: Jim Caron, Joanne LeBrun, Rick Petrie

Staff: Jay Bradshaw, Dwight Corning, Dawn Kinney, John Bastin

1. Introduction of Guests. Jay introduced John Bastin, who has been hired as the new EMS Preparedness Coordinator. John is a physicians assistant with extensive experience in emergency and disaster medicine. He will be working for EMS part time over the next year as he finishes out his Navy career.

2. Approval of June 2, 2004, meeting minutes.

MOTION: To approved the minutes of the June 2, 2004, meeting as distributed. (Kneeland: second by Ashby) Unanimous.

3. Old Business – none

4. New Business

a. Legislative/Budget Update. Jay reported that the budget forecast for the current and future fiscal years is not good. Although the regional contracts for FY05 have been executed and paid, there may be additional adjustments required during this FY. Work is just beginning for the FY06/07 biennial budget. The impact of both the Education Funding referendum that was passed in June and the tax cap ("Palesky") question on November's ballot are unknown factors.

b. Operations Team Action Items – none at this time.

c. Investigations Committee Action items.

MOTION: To ratify the minutes of the June 2 and July 22, 2004, Investigations Committee (Kendall; second by Dupler). Passed with one abstention (Cassidy).

MOTION: To approve the consent agreement in case # 04-19 (Dunwoody; second by DiPietrantonio). Unanimous.

MOTION: To approve the consent agreement with Adrian Stone. (Dunwoody; second by McKenney). Unanimous.

d. Board member orientation and interest disclosure – tabled by consensus until Laura Yustak Smith is able to attend.

e. EMS Assessment Report. Jay summarized on the EMSSTAR report which was produced after the assessment team received >40 written comments and spent three days in Maine conducting interviews. There was considerable discussion on the next steps to take, which include:

- MEMS attending regional council meetings, chief meetings, etc.
- Including this in the topics for the Samoset “Town Meeting” (11/12/04)
- Consolidating the recommendations into a single document and identify potential duplicate recommendations.

It was agreed that Jay would take the first draft at consolidating the recommendations and distributing via e-mail to an “Oversight Committee” that will attempt to merge the recommendations into perhaps 5 or 6 work groups. Each work group would then take the recommendations, prioritize them, and identify the resources needed (including Rule and Law changes, funding, personnel) and action timeline.

MEMS is required to report back to the Legislature in January 2005 on the progress of the assessment report, but it is likely that this will be one of several reports needed to update the Legislature as progress is made.

MOTION: That the Board develop work groups based upon recommendations of an oversight committee. The work groups will work independently of the Board meetings, but will provide monthly progress reports to the Board. (Kendall; second by Alexander). Unanimous.

The Oversight Committee members are: Alan Azzara, Penny Kneeland, Kevin Kendall, Sue Dupler, Steve Diaz, Jim McKenney, Bill Dunwoody, Jim Farrell, Steve Leach, and John Alexander.

f. Maine Communications Systems Policy Board. Jay directed the Board’s attention to Public Law Chapter 678 that established this Board within the Department of Public Safety to, “...establish policies, procedures, and standards for the cooperative use of the department’s communications systems...” The Board of EMS is directed to recommend to the Governor a representative of EMS services.

There was some discussion about the membership requirements and Jay will contact the Office of the Attorney General for clarification.

g. Other – waiver request from Hart Daley. Dawn presented the waiver request on behalf of Mr. Daley to upgrade his license to the EMT-I level based his CEHs. Mr. Daley was an EMT-Intermediate until 10/96, at which time he became changed his career to law enforcement and relicensed as a Basic EMT. Mr. Daley has met with Tri County EMS to discuss the specifics of his training and Joanne LeBrun expressed her support for his waiver

request. Staff also agrees recommends approval in accordance with guidelines that have been used in other similar situations.

MOTION: To approve the waiver of Chapter 5 §4.5.B.2.(a) and allow Hart Daley to upgrade his EMT-I license utilizing continuing education credits provided he has also provided satisfactory clinical skill demonstration to Tri County EMS. (Kendall; second by Ashby). Unanimous.

5. Staff Update

a. MEMS: Jay noted that MEMS has received a Notice of Grant Award for ~\$233,000 for the Rural Access to Emergency Devices grant. This is about \$50,000 less than the amount in the application and a revised budget will be submitted to HRSA.

b. MDPB: Dr. Diaz reported that the Protocol revisions have been made and that Dawn is working on developing a table to summarize the impacts of the changes. There have been some new medications added, and some existing medications deleted. There will also be two new airway adjuncts (LMA and Combitube). An effective date will be determined following the review of the impact table.

Work also continues on the Paramedic Interfacility Transfer Program (PIFT). There have been several work groups established to work on this in a modular approach. It is unlikely that the PIFT will be completed in time to merge with the printing of the revised protocols, but at some time in the future, the two may merge.

The next MDPB meeting will be October 20, 2004, at MEMS.

6. Other

a. Next meeting date. Jay reported that both he and Dr. Diaz will be out of state the first week in October attending the annual meeting of the National Association of State EMS Directors. The state EMS medical directors also meet at this time.

By consensus it was agreed to move the October meeting to October 13, 2004, @ 9:30, at MEMS.

7. Meeting adjourned at 11:35.